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Letter dated 1 April 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Denmark to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text in English and French of a statement on Lesotho issued by the European Community and its member States on 31 March 1993.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under item 115 (b) of the preliminary list.

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ANNEX

Statement on Lesotho issued on 31 March 1993 by the European Community and its member States

The Community and its member States welcome the statements of the international electoral observer teams, including observers from EC Member States, that the general elections on 27 March were, despite some administrative shortcomings, free and fair. They congratulate the people of Lesotho for the admirable patience and determination with which they exercised their right to vote, and recognize the role the military Government and all political parties have played in bringing Lesotho peacefully to democratic elections. The elections represent a major step towards the restoration of democratic, accountable government in Lesotho.

The Community and its member States urge all parties to work together to ensure a speedy and peaceful transfer of power, and call on the winning party to govern in a spirit of reconciliation and tolerance towards the people of Lesotho of all political persuasions.